# SYNTHESIS OF (±)-OXADETHIA-2,3-BENZOCEPHEMS

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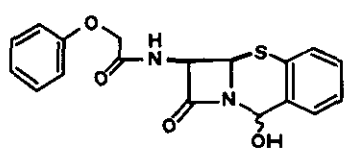
Abstract — The new 1-oxadethia-2,3-benzocephem ring system has been obtained by a one step synthesis from the readily available 4-acetoxyazetidin-2-one (2).

Recently, several types of biologically active 1-oxadethia analogues of cephalosporins have been prepared.[1] On the other hand, Sheehan et al synthesized a cephem (1) which was shown to have significant biological activity.[2] We now wish to report a simple synthesis of the title compounds[3], which possess a novel 1-oxadethia-2-cephem ring system.

Readily available (±)-4-acetoxyazetidin-2-one (2)[4] was condensed with salicylaldehyde in aqueous sodium hydroxide to give, in nearly quantitative yield, (3a)[5], mp 136-137°, $\nu_{max}$ ($CHCl_3$) 3575, 3340 (OH), and 1778 $cm^{-1}$ (β-lactam C=O), δ ($CDCl_3$) 3.00 (1H, d, J 16 Hz, $C_7$-H), 3.31 (1H, dd, J 16 and 3 Hz, $C_7$-H), 4.95 (1H, d, J 5.5 Hz, OH), 5.30 (1H, d, J 3 Hz, $C_6$-H), 5.83 (1H, d, 5.5 Hz, $C_4$-H), and 6.86-7.26 (4H, m, ArH). Similarly, (2) reacted with o-hydroxyacetophenone to give, in 76 % yield, (4a)[5], mp 119-120°, $\nu_{max}$ ($CHCl_3$) 3575, 3340 (OH), and 1775 $cm^{-1}$ (β-lactam C=O), δ ($CDCl_3$) 1.93 (3H, s, $-CH_3$), 3.00 (1H, dd, J 15.5 and 2 Hz, $C_7$-H), 3.20 (1H, dd,



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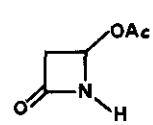

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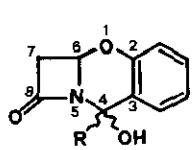

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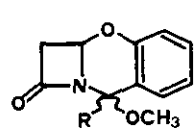

(3b) R= H
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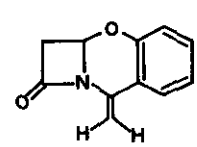

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J 15.5 and 3 Hz, $C_7$-H), 4.20 (1H, s, OH), 5.24 (1H, dd, J 2 and 3 Hz, $C_6$-H), and 6.88-7.53 (4H, m, ArH). The hydroxy group of (3a) and (4a) shows a general reactivity as carbinolamide. For example, methanolysis (methanol, p-toluenesulphonic acid) of (3a) and (4a) gave (3b) (90 %), mp 88-89°, and (4b) (85 %), mp 110-111°, respectively. Treatment of (4a) with thionyl chloride in dichloromethane at -15° in the presence of triethylamine gave the enamide (5) in 75 % yield, $\nu_{max}$ ($CHCl_3$) 1778 (β-lactam C=O), and 1635 $cm^{-1}$ (C=C), δ ($CDCl_3$) 5.12 (1H, d, J 1.5 Hz, C=CH), and 5.15 (1H, d, J 1.5 Hz, C=CH), which promises a variety of functionalization at C-4 position.

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